

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Administrative Office	(2) MEETING DATE 11/20/2012	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Nikki J. Schmidt 805/781-5496	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve Amendment No. 2 to the agreement for services with the Ferguson Group in the amount of \$72,000 to provide Federal lobbying services for FY 2012-13. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that your Board approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Services with the Ferguson Group to provide federal lobbying services for the FY 2012-13.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) FC 106 - Contributions to Other Agencies	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$72,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) PO #25007691		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Nikki J. Schmidt, Administrative Analyst

DATE: 11/20/2012

SUBJECT: Request to approve Amendment No. 2 to the agreement for services with the Ferguson Group in the amount of \$72,000 to provide Federal lobbying services for FY 2012-13. All Districts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that your Board approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Services with the Ferguson Group to provide federal lobbying services for the FY 2012-13.

DISCUSSION

The County has contracted with the Ferguson Group (TFG) since July 2008. Since that time, TFG has assisted the County in matters pertaining to the federal government, including federal funding, legislative, regulatory and other type administrative issues of interest to the County. The Board approved funding for federal lobbyist services for FY 2012-13 during budget hearings held in June.

Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Services will allow the Ferguson Group to continue their efforts on behalf of the County at the Federal level per the CY 2012-FY 2013 Federal Agenda and Work Plan (Attachment #1). Their efforts continue to be focused on securing federal funding for the priority projects identified by the Board which include the Los Osos Wastewater Project, Highway 101/46 Interchange Project and Oceano Highway 1 flooding issues.

An update on the Ferguson Group's effort to date can be found in Attachment #2. Mike Miller will be here on December 3rd and 4th, 2012 to meet with the Board and department heads in anticipation of developing the County's CY 2013-FFY 2014 federal platform.

Due to the timing of the Federal fiscal year, the Ferguson Group has provided an update (Attachment #2) on activities to date as well as timeline for work to be done in the upcoming months. As part of Mr. Miller's presentation to the Board on December 4th, he will address how issues at the federal level are affecting the County, the Federal agenda and work plan update and their planned activities for 2013.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

Administrative Office and the Ferguson Group staff developed the terms of the amendment. County Counsel has reviewed the agreement and approved it as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

During FY 2012-13 budget hearings, the Board approved funding for federal lobbyist services at the cost of \$72,000 per year including expenses.

RESULTS

Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement to Services with the Ferguson Group will continue federal lobbying effort on benefit of San Luis Obispo County with the intention of obtaining federal revenues that would not otherwise be available to us. Additional revenues contribute to the County's goal of a safe, health, livable, and prosperous community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. CY 2012-FFY 2013 Federal Agenda and Work Plan
2. CY 2012-FFY 2013 Federal Agenda and Work Plan update
3. Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Services